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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of March 21, 2006 in the above-referenced application, please reconsider the rejection in view of the amendment and remarks presented herein. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 of this paper. The applicants' remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.